

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated August 30, 2006 (U.S. Patent Office Paper No. 20060822). In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with examination of the application on the merits, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Restriction Requirement

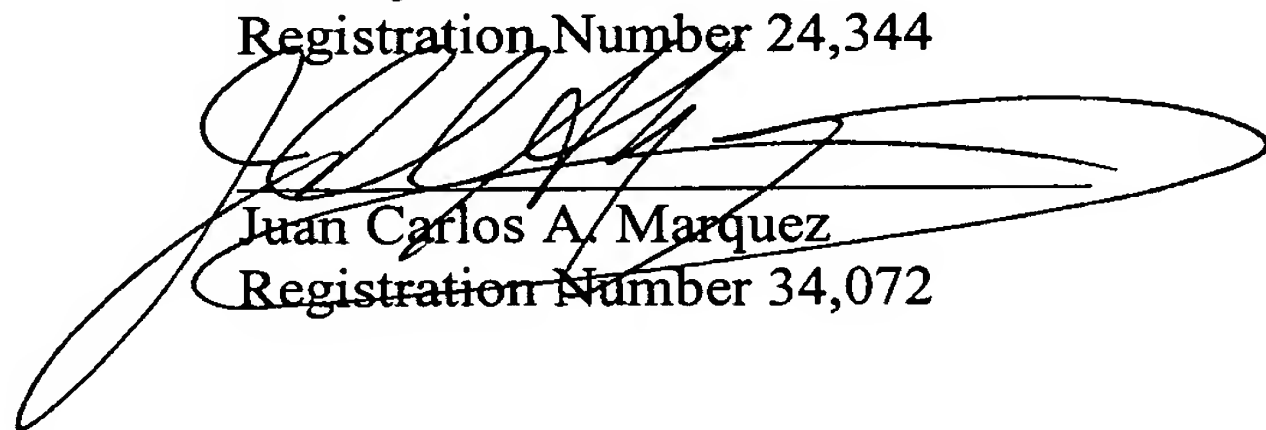
Even though claims 1-14 were canceled in the response filed on June 19, 2006, the above-noted Office Action set forth a requirement that Applicants elect the invention to be examined. Upon a telephone inquiry to the Examiner newly appointed to this case, he suggested that Applicants elect the remaining claims 15-23.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action, Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as claims 15-23, without traverse. Applicants understand that any non-elected inventions and their corresponding claims are hereby withdrawn from further consideration in this pending application. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file divisional applications on such non-elected inventions.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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